

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed and proposed modified Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown on the preliminary revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is 90 days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in your community.

ADDRESSES: The FIS report and FIRM showing the proposed and proposed modified BFEs and their delineations are available for inspection at Vista Verde Building, Suite 420, 233 North Pecos St, San Antonio, TX 78207.

Send comments to:

The Honorable Nelson W. Wolf
County Judge
Bexar County Courthouse
100 Dolorosa, Suite 120
San Antonio, TX 78205

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Bellomo, P.E., CFM Chief, Hazard Identification Section, Mitigation Division, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2903, or (e-mail) doug.bellomo@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gives notice of the proposed determinations of BFEs and modified BFEs in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These BFEs, together with the floodplain management measures required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean your community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. Your community may, at any time, enact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed and proposed modified BFEs are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the BFEs are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the Acting Administrator for Mitigation, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director of FEMA, hereby certifies that the proposed BFE determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A BFE determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. By themselves, the BFE determinations impose no restriction unless and until the community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with these BFEs. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the BFEs only prescribe building height in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement; of itself, it has no economic impact.

Proposed and proposed modified BFEs along flooding sources studied by detailed methods are shown on the Preliminary copies of the revised FIS report and FIRM. Lessees and owners of real property in Bexar County, Texas, are encouraged to review the FIS, FIRM, and related materials at the address cited above. The flooding sources studied by detailed methods are as follows:

		* Elevation in feet (NGVD)	
		^ Elevation in feet (NAVD)	
		# Depth in feet above ground	
Source of Flooding	Location	Existing BFE	Modified BFE
San Antonio River			
	Approximately 500 feet upstream of Rd 3 along River Road	None	* 510
	Just downstream of Roosevelt Avenue	* 569	* 579
	Just upstream of Josephine Street	* 660	* 656